



Rules for tournaments

1. Everyone entering the tournament must be a member of the Club (paid-up or with a standing order running) and available to play on Finals Day – Saturday 15 July.
2. It is the responsibility of the higher person or couple in the draw to arrange the match and ensure that it is played by the date indicated.* However, **all** players should make their opponents aware of any dates that they will not be available to play as soon as they know that they are due to play each other. Any anticipated difficulty should be referred to the tournament organiser (Janet Wharton) as soon as possible in the hope that a resolution can be found.
3. Each round of each tournament must be completed by the date indicated on the draw.
4. Failure to get the match played may lead to the disqualification of the higher person/couple – unless they are able to demonstrate that their opponents were unavailable for an unreasonable proportion of possible dates. (It will therefore be advisable to make allowance for the possibility of rain on the preferred date and have a fall-back date available within the allotted time-frame.)
5. All semi-finals must be completed by *Sunday 9 July*. Please note: it is vital that this date is adhered to in order to allow planning of the matches on Finals Day. Given the increased number of events and the fact that several people can be expected to be involved in more than one final, it will be important to know precisely who is involved in each event when the timetable for Finals Day is drawn up.
6. The decision of the Committee will be final.

* Members should avoid arranging open tournament matches at any time when there is a club session. Please refer to **This month at Magdala** on the website (<http://magdalatennis.org.uk/thismonthatmagdala.html>) or the chart of court use on the clubhouse notice-board.

Tournament formats

Singles and open tournaments

The normal format is to play the best of three sets, the first two of which should be decided by playing a tie-break in the event of both sides reaching six games.

Drawn tournaments

The opening rounds of drawn tournaments are usually played on club nights and use a round robin format, each couple in a group playing all other couples in the group. The precise number of games to be played in a round will be determined on the evening. The winners are the couples winning the most rounds. The number of games won will be used to determine the placing of couples who have won the same number of rounds.

Semi-finals of drawn tournaments follow the format for singles and open tournaments.